

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2014-474-T ORDER NO. 2015-13-H

MARCH 9, 2015

Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of H. D. Auston & Son, Inc. d/b/a H. D. Auston & Son Moving & Storage to Amend Scope of Authority and Name on Class E (Household Goods) Certificate No. 205-D (Reference Docket No. 1990-739-T)

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Motion to be allowed to take shipper witness(es) deposition

STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

Motion granted. The Office of Regulatory Staff does not oppose the motion. Further, taking the deposition of shipper witnesses in a Class E Household Goods case has been a common and useful practice in such matters before the Commission. A deposition saves time and the expense of presenting a live shipper witness in hearings, such shipper witness being required in Class E Household Goods cases under 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. Section 103-133.1 to show the public convenience and necessity criterion of proof. In this case, the request to take the deposition of one or more shipper witnesses and subsequent use in the hearing is certainly meritorious under 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-834, and therefore the request to take the deposition or depositions is granted. Said deposition of an appropriate shipper witness or witnesses shall be taken by oral examination via telephone or otherwise at such time and/or by such method as may be agreed upon by the parties at the offices of Adams and Reese LLP, 1501 Main Street, 5th floor. Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Such witness or witnesses shall testify regarding the public convenience and necessity criterion, and any other matter related to the case at bar as may be deemed appropriate by agreement of the parties. The deposition or deposition may take the place of live shipper witnesses at the hearing on the request for an amended Class E Household Goods Certificate.